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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

24 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Jack E. Thomas, USAF  
Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

SUBJECT : Standardized Terms

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Addressee to Executive Secretary,  
USIB, same subject, dated 2 May 1963

1. Confirming our oral discussion on Wednesday, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memorandum on the subject from [ ] reporting the results of discussion of this question by the Board of National Estimates. As indicated, they will endeavor to use the terminology you suggested wherever appropriate, but feel that it is too restrictive for general NIS-SNIS use.

2. I have also discussed your proposed terminology with General Balmer's Coordination Staff. They have agreed that these terms could be usefully employed in certain reports and studies prepared by that Staff, and they will therefore keep them in mind in future work.

3. Based on our discussion, I trust that the above responses to your reference memorandum will satisfactorily accomplish the purposes you had in mind.

SIGNED

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Executive Secretary

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15 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Executive  
Secretary, USIB

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SUBJECT: Question of the Standardization of  
Terms, "Communist Bloc" and  
"Soviet Bloc," for National  
Intelligence Community Use

1. The Board has discussed this question, requested by your note of 10 May, and considers that it would be inadvisable for USIB to adopt General Thomas' suggestion as a rule to be invariably followed in NIE's and SNIE's.

2. There is considerable merit in his suggestion, and a number of instances come readily to mind where the PNIO terms, "Communist Bloc" and "Soviet Bloc," can and should be employed. O/NE will endeavor to do so wherever appropriate. We feel, however, that the suggested terminology is too restrictive for NIE-SNIE use, would not permit the freedom of description needed in all contexts, and would often lead to more confusion than clarity.

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Deputy Assistant Director  
National Estimates